

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair Seth Berglee, on January 25, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 227, 1/19/2017; HB 248, 1/19/2017; HB 265, 1/19/2017
Executive Action: HB 185, HB 190, HJ 1

HEARING ON HB 265**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:47 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 265, Create a school suicide prevention competitive grant program.

00:04:25 Rep. Schreiner joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:03 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI MT)

EXHIBIT(edh18a01)

00:12:09 Alicia Smith, Self

00:15:36 Jonathan R. Jackson, Helena Public Schools (HPS)

00:20:55 Sheriff Brian Gootkin, Gallatin County, Montana State Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

00:22:51 Erika McMillin, Self

00:23:19 Rep. G. Hertz joined the meeting

00:28:00 Greg Upham, Helena Public Schools (HPS)

00:29:28 Mona Jamison, Shodair Children's Hospital

00:31:40 Morgan Hunnley, Self

00:33:46 Michael Cowser, Self

00:35:49 Eugena Eden-Moore, Self

00:36:35 Karen English, Self

00:40:18 Faith Scow, Self

00:41:30 Bernadette Miller, Self

00:44:48 Lance Milton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)

00:46:12 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Public Health Officials

00:47:05 Ron Whitmoyer, East Helena Superintendent of Schools

00:47:37 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights of Montana

00:48:08 Marco Ferrro Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:48:30 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

00:49:11 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:50:02 Laura Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:28 Rep. Essmann

00:51:42 Jonathan R. Jackson, HPS

00:54:35 Rep. Essmann

00:54:48 Jonathan R. Jackson, HPS

00:55:44 Rep. P. Webb

00:56:42 Rep. Dunwell

00:57:28 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

00:58:26 Rep. Dunwell

01:00:34 Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)

01:01:20 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
01:01:56 Rep. Dunwell
01:02:19 Rep. Curtis
01:02:44 Greg Upham, HPS
01:02:53 Rep. Essmann
01:03:28 Mona Jamison, Shodair Children's Hospital
01:03:43 Rep. Staffanson
01:04:18 Greg Upham, HPS
01:06:08 Rep. Greef
01:06:50 Mona Jamison, Shodair Children's Hospital
01:07:12 Rep. Greef
01:07:18 Mona Jamison, Shodair Children's Hospital
01:07:42 Rep. Essmann
01:08:02 Mona Jamison, Shodair Children's Hospital
01:08:14 Rep. Beard
01:08:43 Greg Upham, HPS
01:09:59 Rep. Funk
01:11:01 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana
01:13:31 Rep. Essmann
01:15:05 Lance Milton, MTSBA
01:16:41 Chair Berglee
01:17:14 Johnson R. Jackson, HPS
01:17:57 Chair Berglee
01:18:19 Johnson R. Jackson, HPS
01:19:33 Chair Berglee
01:19:55 Johnson R. Jackson, HPS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:21:15 Rep. Dunwell

01:25:47 Recess

01:31:53 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 248**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:32:34 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 248, Revise anti-bullying laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:34:41 Abbi Feeters, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:35:12 Rep. Staffanson

01:35:25 Rep. Dudik

01:35:40 Rep. Essmann

01:35:52 Rep. Dudik
01:36:29 Rep. Curtis
01:37:00 Rep. Dudik

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:20 Rep. Dudik

HEARING ON HB 227**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:37:58 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 227, Provide funding for middle grades career and technical education.

EXHIBIT(edh18a02)**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:41:15 Scott Walter, East Helena Public Schools
01:45:46 Tobin Novasio, Lockwood Schools
01:48:58 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
01:52:06 Rep. Schreiner left the meeting
01:53:15 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
01:56:20 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)
01:56:48 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (COM)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:00:10 Rep. Essmann
02:00:30 Tobin Novasio, Lockwood Schools
02:01:22 Rep. Essmann
02:02:07 Tobin Novasio, Lockwood Schools
02:03:32 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:04:22 Tobin Novasio, Lockwood Schools
02:04:53 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:05:06 Tobin Novasio, Lockwood Schools

Closing by Sponsor:

02:06:09 Rep. Vinton

02:07:27 Chair Berglee

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 1

02:09:53 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HJ 1 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:10:04 Rep. Curtis
02:10:35 Chair Berglee

02:11:12 Rep. Staffanson
02:11:41 Chair Berglee

02:12:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 190

02:12:59 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 190 DO PASS.**

02:13:35 **Motion:** Rep. Essmann moved that **HB 190 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(edh18a03\)](#)

Discussion:

02:14:05 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD
02:14:32 Rep. P. Webb
02:14:46 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD
02:15:07 Rep. Essmann
02:16:03 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:16:17 Rep. Staffanson
02:16:27 Rep. G. Hertz
02:17:06 Rep. Funk
02:17:49 Chair Berglee

02:18:21 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Bennett, Rep. Funk, Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voting aye. Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

02:19:51 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
02:20:36 Rep. Curtis

02:21:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Beard, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Greef, Rep. G. Hertz, Rep. Staffanson and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 185

02:22:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bennett moved that **HB 185 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried 9-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Beard, Rep. Essmann, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. Staffanson and Rep. P. Webb voting no.

02:25:55 **Motion:** Rep. G. Hertz moved that **HB 185 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:26:28 Rep. Curtis
02:26:44 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

02:27:11 **Motion:** Rep. G. Hertz moved that **HB 185 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(edh18a04\)](#)

Discussion:

02:27:22 Laura Sakey Keip, LSD

02:27:55 Rep. G. Hertz

02:28:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-1 by voice vote with Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

02:29:03 Rep. G. Hertz

02:29:15 Laura Sankey Keip, LSD

02:29:23 **Motion:** Rep. G. Hertz moved that **HB 185 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:29:31 Rep. Funk

02:30:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Beard, Rep. Berglee, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. Staffanson and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Schreiner and Rep. Webber voted by proxy.

02:31:18 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

02:31:29 Rep. Essmann

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:32:06

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([edh18aad.pdf](#))